# BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER P.O. BOX 39 ODANAH, WI 54861

Job Title: Independent Living Coordinator/Foster-Kinship Care Case Worker

**Department: Social & Family Services** 

Hourly Rate: \$16.00 Full Time: 40Hrs/Week

**Exempt: No/Hourly** 

Supervisor: Abinoojiyag Resources Center Program Manager

Posting Date: In-House Opens: August 18, 2020 Closes: August 24, 2020 at 4:30pm

Posting Date: Public

Opens: September 1, 2020

Closes: September 15, 2020 at 4:30pm

**Summary:** The Independent Living (IL) Coordinator Foster/Kinship Care Case Worker will be responsible for providing social work practice for the front end and back end of child protection cases. This position will focus on delivering IL services to youth in Out of Home Care (OHC), foster care licensing responsibilities; adoption home studies; and Kinship Care cases. The Abinoojiyag Resource Center area is a team environment and this position will require the ability to work in a team.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities include the following.** The Independent Living (IL) Coordinator Foster/Kinship Care Case Worker will maintain the foster care licensing program for the office including licensing homes for foster care; maintain foster parent records/files; conduct face to face visits with children in out of home care; monitor or provide training for foster parents; host annual appreciation events for Foster Families. Maintain kinship records and kc family files; payment schedules and conduct annual home visits with all kinship families. This position will be responsible for conducting home studies for potential families that want to foster or adopt; maintain a tribal adoption list; assist in the implementation of the Customary Adoption process; and work with youth in OHC who are eligible for IL services from the ages of 14 to 23. As a team member, this position will participate in organizing activities for clients/families/and youth sponsored by the department. Recruitment of foster homes; conduct face to face visits with children in out of home care; conduct home studies for potential permanency resources; maintain kinship caseload requirements; and assist with child welfare checks on suspected neglect cases. Provide out of home care plans; and, voluntary case plans/informal resolutions that will include referrals for services and culturally appropriate services in compliance with Target Case Management and Title IV E. Prepare court report for court hearings when needed and provide case updates to children's' ongoing case manager. Assist with child welfare checks on suspected neglect cases when needed. Provide out of home care plans; and voluntary case plans/informal resolutions that will include referrals for services and culturally appropriate services in compliance with Target Case Management and Title IV E.

**Qualification Requirements:** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

# **Education and/or Experience:**

#### Required:

A high school diploma or its equivalent is required, a four (4) year bachelor's degree in Human Services or related field is preferred.

Must be 18 years of age or older.

A minimum of one (1) year experience in social work or human service field is required. Experience working in Indian Country is a requirement.

Knowledge of computer and software, computer application and good typing skills.



## **Other Skills and Abilities:**

# Required:

This is a required driver position.

Must possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license and meet eligibility for tribal insurance. Knowledge and experience in social work best practice standards.

Knowledgeable of the Indian Child Welfare Act and child protection services.

Willing to work with various agencies such as Tribal/County Social/Human Service Department, the court system, ICW Committee, and other related agencies.

Experience working with Indian children and families is a requirement.

Must be willing and able to attend program-related training and travel as necessary.

### **Background Check:**

This position is contingent on the required ability to pass a caregiver background check when working with children and/or elderly.

This position requires a driver check, to meet eligibility for tribal insurance.

## Language Skills:

This position requires an individual to demonstrate diverse communication skills written and oral.

#### **Reasoning Ability:**

Desire to work with families to create positive solutions that will benefit children. The individual applying for this position needs to communicate effectively in a professional setting as well as working with families.

**Physical Demands:** The physical demands described here are representative of those that must meet by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

May require extended periods of sitting, stooping, bending and walking. Occasional lifting to 25 lbs.

**Work Environment:** The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Drug-Free Workplace in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, P.L. 100-690 and the Bad River Tribe's Employee Policy & Procedures Handbook. Indian Preference will be given in accordance with P.L. 93-638 and the Tribe's Preference Policy.

Send Application and Resume To:
Bad River Tribe
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 39
Odanah, WI 54861

http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/

Application material may also be emailed to:

<u>HRmanager@badriver-nsn.gov</u> <u>HRassistant@Badriver-nsn.gov</u>